

## **REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2005 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner stated that the specification did not describe drawing 3A in the Brief Description of the Drawings. In addition, the Examiner provided that there are two 3As present in the drawings, which the Examiner believed were identical. The Examiner stated that he believed FIG. 3 should be changed to FIG. 3A and FIG. 3A should be changed to FIG. 3B with a corresponding amendment to the specification. Furthermore, typographical errors have been identified by Applicants in paragraph [0031].

In view of the Examiner's comments and the Applicant identified typographical errors, the Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended to recite that "FIGs. 3A-C illustrate a process in accordance with an embodiment of the invention in a flow chart format." In addition, corresponding amendments to paragraphs [0010] and [0020] in the specification have been made to reflect the figure designation changes and also the substitution of FIG. 3C for originally filed duplicate of originally designated FIG. 3. Furthermore, amendments to paragraph [0031] have been made to correct the typographical errors. Moreover, the drawings have been amended to address the Examiner's comments, including submission of a FIG. 3C (sheet 5/5) to replace the previously filed duplicate of originally labeled FIG. 3.

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added with the substitution of FIG. 3C for originally filed duplicate of originally designated FIG. 3. The steps set forth in FIG. 3C are fully supported by the originally filed specification as follows:

Steps 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, and 160 are found in paragraph [0027];

Steps 162, 164, and 166 are found in paragraph [0028];

Steps 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, and 178 are found in paragraph [0029];

Step 179 is found in paragraph [0031];

Steps 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, and 193 are found in paragraph [0032];

Step 194 is found in paragraph [0033];

Step 195 is found in paragraph [0031]; and

Step 196 is found in paragraph [0033].


Accordingly, no new matter is presented with replacement sheet 5/5 with FIG. 3C and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the replacement sheet 5/5 with FIG. 3C as submitted herewith as a substitute for originally filed duplicate of originally designated FIG. 3.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing preliminary amendment is proper in accordance with the rules of practice. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss the requested amendments, Applicants requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number associated with Ingrassia Fisher & Lorenz, PC Customer No. 29906.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Ingrassia Fisher & Lorenz, PC Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendments to the Drawings**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to approve the drawing changes to sheets 3/5, 4/5, and 5/5, which were originally labeled FIG. 3, FIG. 3A, and FIG. 3A (duplicate)), and replace these three sheets with the three replacement sheets included with this preliminary amendment. The requested drawing changes are noted in red on the attached photocopies and amend the originally filed drawings.

Attachment: Two Annotated Sheets Showing Changes (in duplicate)  
Three Replacement Sheets (in duplicate)

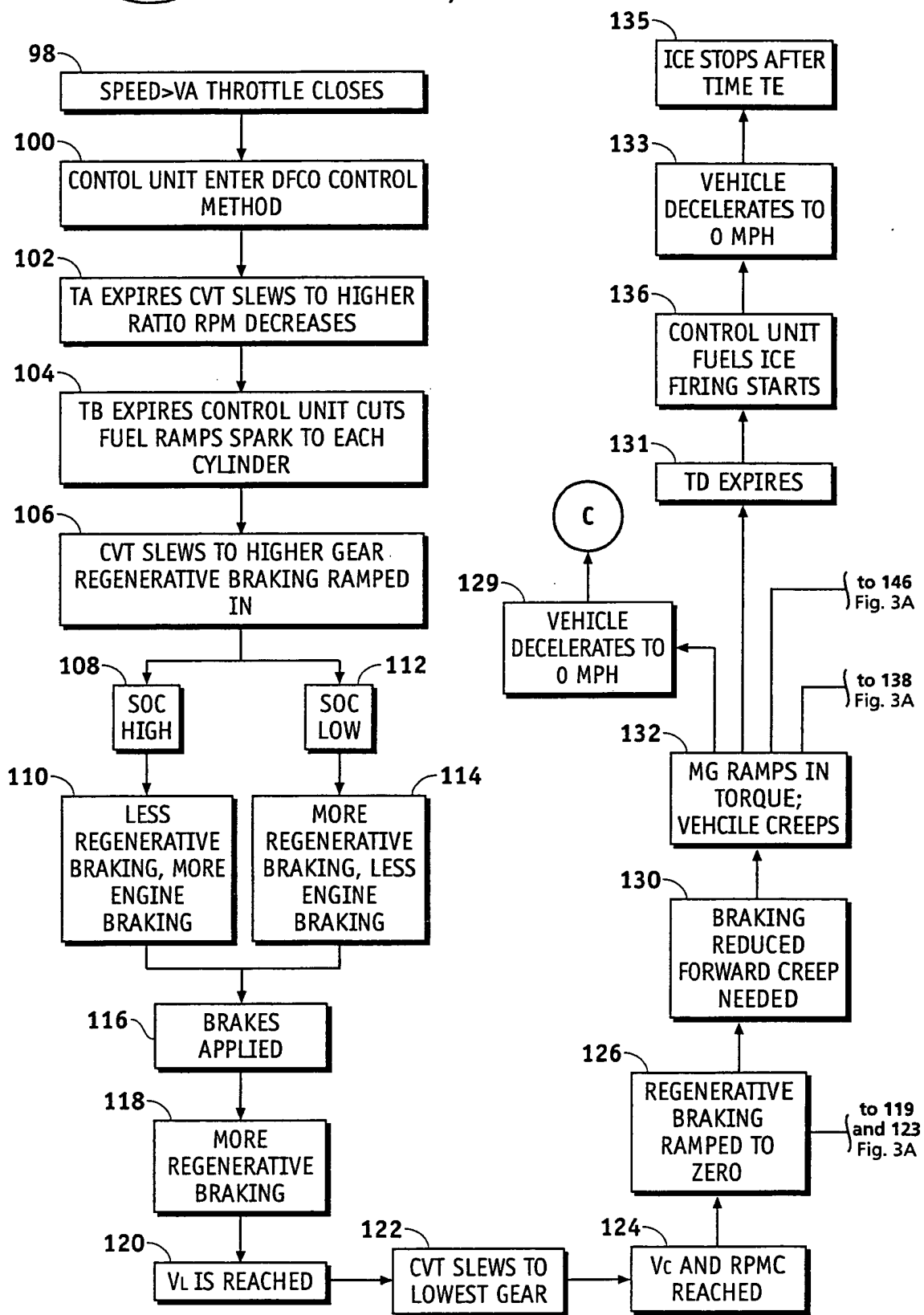


FIG. 3A

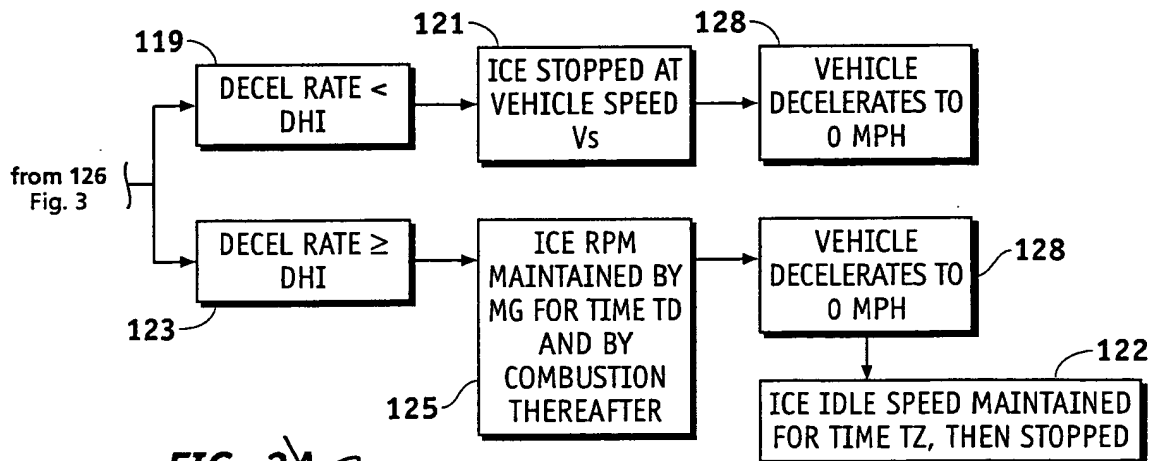
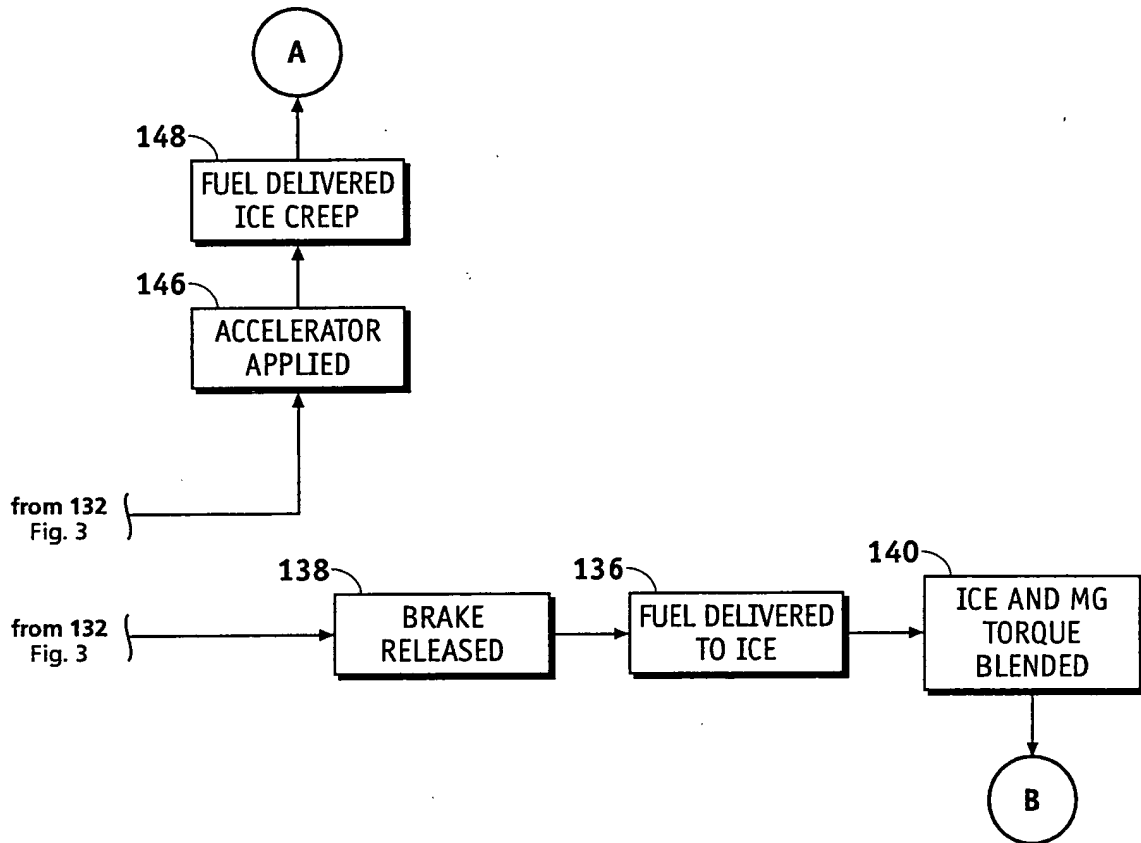


FIG. 3A B